Bateman Mayor.

Curia Prima tent' Die Martis vj°. *die* Novembris, 1716. *Annoq; R. Regis* Georgij, Magnæ Britanniæ, *&c. Tertio.*

THIS Day the Committee lately appointed to conſider of the Petition of *The Ticket-Porters* of this City, brought in a Report in Writing under their Hands, touching the ſame, which follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, and Court of Aldermen.

IN Obedience to an Order of this Honourable Court, bearing Date the 18th *of* September *laſt, We whoſe Names are Subſcribed, have met and examin'd into the Matters complained of in the Petition of the* Ticket-Porters, *againſt the* Tackle-Houſe-Porters, *of this City, for interfering in their Work and Labour, and particularly in the Unſhipping, Landing, Carrying, and Houſing of Goods, and Merchandizes, which are Imported from the* Eaſt-*Countries; and which by Two ſeveral Acts of Common-Council have been ſet out, and alotted, as the proper Work and Labour of the ſaid* Ticket-Porters; *and having heard both the ſaid Parties, and it appearing unto Us, by a Certificate under the Hand of Sir* Benjamin Ayloffe, *Bart. an Ancient and Eminent Merchant trading to the ſaid* Eaſt-*Countries,*

'THAT all the Ports within the *Baltick*-Sea have been accounted the *Eaſt*-Country Trade.

'THAT the Goods which have been, and are uſually, Exported for *London* from *Dantzick*, *Konningsberg*, or *Riga*, 'are not of the Growth of the Parts or Country near adjacent to thoſe Ports, but of the Growth of Countries far diſtant from 'thoſe Ports, *viz.* Of the Growth of *Poland*, *Samogitia*, *Livonia*, *Ruſſia*, &c. but the ſaid Goods being brought down 'to ſuch Ports, as above, they have therefore been called *Eaſt*-Country Goods.

'THAT Goods formerly Exported from *Narva* for *England*, have been moſtly of the Growth of the Territories of the 'Czar of *Ruſſia*, and in great Meaſure have been brought to *London* by Merchants, Free of the *Muſcovia*-Company; but 'yet ſuch Goods have always been taken up at *London* by the *Ticket-Porters*.

'THAT *Petersbergh* has lately been made a Place of Trade by the Czar, and it lies in the Bottom of the *Baltick*-Sea, 'and therefore (in his Opinion) is to be accounted Part of the *Eaſt*-Country Trade; but the Goods brought to the ſaid 'Place are of the ſame Nature as thoſe formerly Exported at *Narva*.

'THAT he hath not known, for many Years paſt, any Goods Exported at *Melving* or *Elbing*, for *England*.

Which Certificate and Opinion of the ſaid Sir Benjamin Ayloffe *was alſo confirmed by Sir* Randolph Knipe, *Kt. late Sheriff, and* Charles Goodfellow, *Eſq; other Eminent Merchants trading to the ſaid* Eaſt-*Countries, now preſent before Us.*

And the Tackle-Houſe-Porters *themſelves acknowledging, That heretofore they Worked in the Unſhipping, Landing, Carrying, and Houſing of Goods, and Merchandizes, which came from* Arch-Angel *only; We are humbly of Opinion, That ſuch Work of Goods coming from the Port of* Arch Angel *may ſtill be continu'd to the ſaid* Tackle Houſe-Porters.

But that the Work and Labour of Unſhipping, Landing, Carrying, and Houſing of Goods, and Merchandizes, which are Imported from Dantzick, Koningsbergh, Narva, Petersbergh, *or* Riga, *or any other Port of the* Baltick-Sea, *being the Ports intended by the ſaid Acts of Common-Council to be taken for the ſaid* Eaſt-*Countries, be ſtill continu'd to the* Ticket-Porters *only, as by the ſame Acts are directed and appointed. All which, nevertheleſs, We humbly ſubmit to the grave Wiſdom of this Honourable Court. Dated this* 18th *Day of* October, 1716.

John Parſons, George Merttins,
Samuel Stanier, Gerard Conyers.

Which being here read, was well liked and approved by this Court, and ordered to be entered into the Reportory, and accordingly perform'd.

GIBSON.

BATEMAN Mayor.

Martis xiij. *die* Novembris, 1716. *Annoq; R. Regis* Georgij, Magnæ Britanniæ, *&c. Tertio.*

IT is Ordered, That the Report of the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Petition of the *Ticket-Porters*, which was read and confirm'd, at the laſt Court, be forthwith Printed, and Affixed in all Publick Places within this City, and Liberties; to the end, That all Parties concern'd may know the ſame, and yield Obedience thereunto accordingly.

GIBSON.

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